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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AALC DEPUTY DIRECTOR JERRY FUNK

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1. AALC DEPUTY DIRECTOR,

JERRY FUNK, HELD SERIES OF

USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH SUDANESE TRADE UNION LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. FUNK APPEARED TO BE PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH HIS TALKS WITH ABDALLA NASR GINAWI, PRESIDENT OF THE SUDANESE WORKERS TRADE UNION FEDERATION (SWTUF), WHO APPEARED TO BE VERY EAGER TO IMPLEMENT PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED "IMPACT" PROJECT WHICH INVOLVED SUPPLY OF THREE VEHICLES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. FUNK WAS PLANNING TO EXPLORE POSSIBILIZY OF PROJECT TO GIVE SWTUF LEADERS ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING.

- 2. ECONOFF BRIEFED FUNK ON RECENT EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH LABOR MOVEMENT, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING ILO ACTIVITIES AND SUDAN'S EFFORTS TO PRESS FOR MODERATE POSITIONS IN ARAB LABOR FORUMS. GINAWI AND HIS ASSOCIATES HAVE BEEN CANDID IN DISCUSSING ARAB LABOR DEVELOPMENTS WITH EMBOFFS.
- 3. COMMENT: PROPOSED PROJECT FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF SWTUF LEADERS APPEARS TO BE EXCELLENT INVESTMENT. MORE THAN ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT GROUP IN SUDANESE POLITICS CURRENT BATCH OF LABOR LEADERS HAVE LEAST KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES. GINAWI SPEAKS NO ENGLISH AND MOST OF HIS COLLEAGUES ON SWTUF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SHARE THIS HANDICAP. IN FACT, ONLY SWTUF LEGAL ADVISER RIFAI SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH. BREWER

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